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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

The Documents AF and AG are discussed respectively in the specification of the present application.

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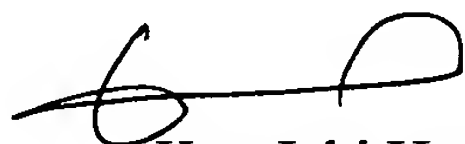
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application, and that the documents cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

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_____ AF 2003-322274	11/14/2003	Japan	No, discussed as Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-125365 on page 27 in the spec.
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